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DECLINE IN CULTIVATION OF CASHEW NUTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether annual production of the world-famous Dollarcraft Goa Cashew nuts has witnessed a sharp decline during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take to increase the production of Dollarcraft Goa Cashew nuts in view of the stiff international competition from Vietnam, Indonesia and Brazil?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. A marginal reduction in cashewnut in Goa has been noted during the current year. The production of cashewnut in in Goa has been fluctuating as per the weather conditions prevailing at the time of flowering and fruiting. Production of cashewnut for the past five years is as under:

Year	Production (MT)
2002-03	23109
2003-04	23233
2004-05	25556
2005-06	27070
2006-07	24380

(c): Government is granting assistance for area expansion and rejuvenation of existing gardens of cashew under the National Horticulture Mission. Nurseries have been established to produce quality grafts of recommended varieties to increase production. Training is also imparted to farmers for proper management of cashew gardens including improved nutrition management and soil & water conservation measures.

Besides, various schemes for promotion of agriculture under Central and State Sector such assistance for irrigation, weed management with herbicides and/or weed cutters assistance for organic manure units and certification are extended for improving cashewnut production in Goa.